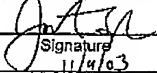


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### RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 6, 2003, Applicants elect group (III) relating to a composition, and claims 17-20. It is noted for the record that this response is not being filed for reasons related to patentability.

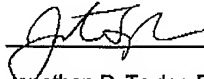
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Should the Examiner feel a discussion would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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